



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for March 21- 27

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Cold fronts and high winds were reported throughout the state with most precipitation ranging from 0.1 to upwards of 1.0 inch, concentrating primarily towards the eastern part of the state. Little to no rainfall was received in parts of the Southern Low Plains, South Texas, and the Edwards Plateau.

Small Grains: Some producers in the Northern High Plains began irrigating wheat. Winter wheat in areas of the Northern and Southern Low Plains and Cross Timbers continued to progress, however most areas could benefit from more rainfall. Oats entered the heading stage in South Texas.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Planted	38	29	18	37
Emerged	5	NA	2	12
Cotton				
Planted	2	NA	NA	5
Rice				
Planted	16	NA	NA	18
Sorghum				
Planted	31	22	10	29
Winter Wheat				
Headed	5	2	1	4
Oats				
Headed	8	5	4	13

Row Crops: Corn planting continued in areas of the Southern High Plains and the Blacklands. In areas of the Northern Low Plains cotton producers began field preparations. In South Texas, sorghum planting continued.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Vegetables planting was active in areas of Northeast Texas. Onion harvest in areas of the Lower Valley continued as the potato crop entered flowering stage in South Texas. Pecans began blooming in areas of the Blacklands.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock producers in South Texas reported that supplemental feeding was limited due to more abundant grazing. Pastures conditions improved over the past week and began greening up from recent rainfall in many areas of the state. Pasture and range conditions were rated good to fair.

Crop Condition

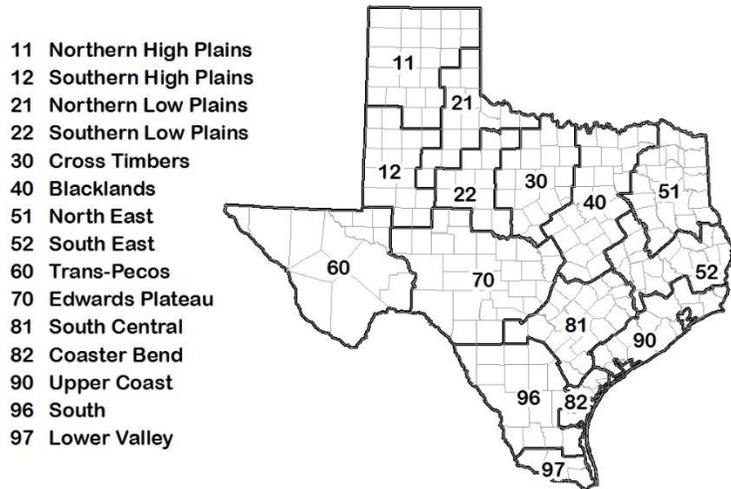
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2016	2015
Wheat	12	36	42	8	2	73	75
Oats	7	33	41	14	5	66	75
Range and Pasture	7	39	39	12	3	--	--

¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

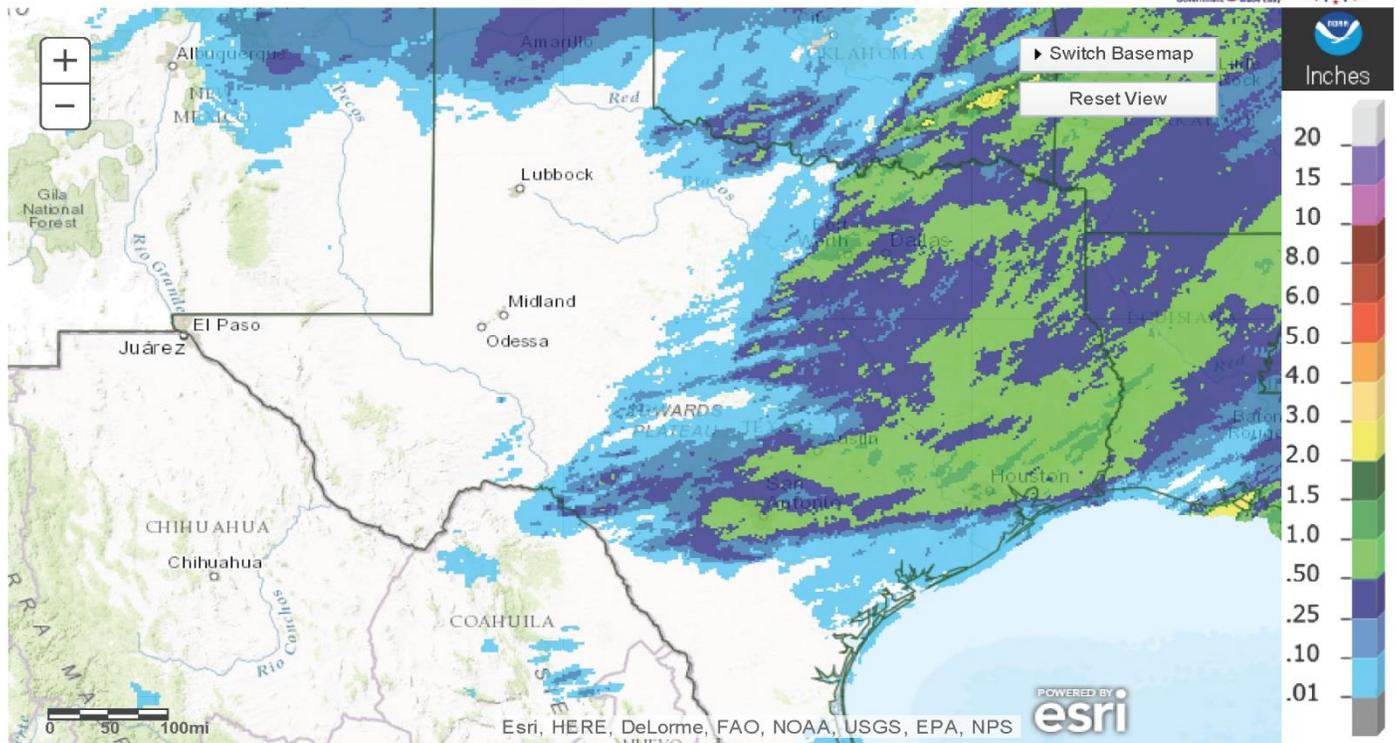
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	16	54	30	0	6	29	65	0	6.1
12	15	53	32	0	3	42	54	1	5.5
21	14	50	36	0	4	40	56	0	6.0
22	5	36	58	1	3	33	46	18	6.8
30	1	20	73	6	4	20	72	4	6.6
40	0	2	70	28	0	2	67	31	4.8
51	0	1	54	45	0	1	54	45	4.0
52	1	5	76	18	0	8	73	19	4.3
60	48	20	32	0	44	21	35	0	7.0
70	7	19	63	11	6	22	68	4	6.2
81	1	19	69	11	1	16	70	13	5.0
82	0	0	67	33	0	2	61	37	3.6
90	0	5	67	28	0	5	80	15	5.9
96	4	18	77	1	5	7	86	2	5.9
97	0	51	49	0	0	26	74	0	7.0
State	8	32	51	9	3	23	64	10	5.7

Texas Agricultural Districts

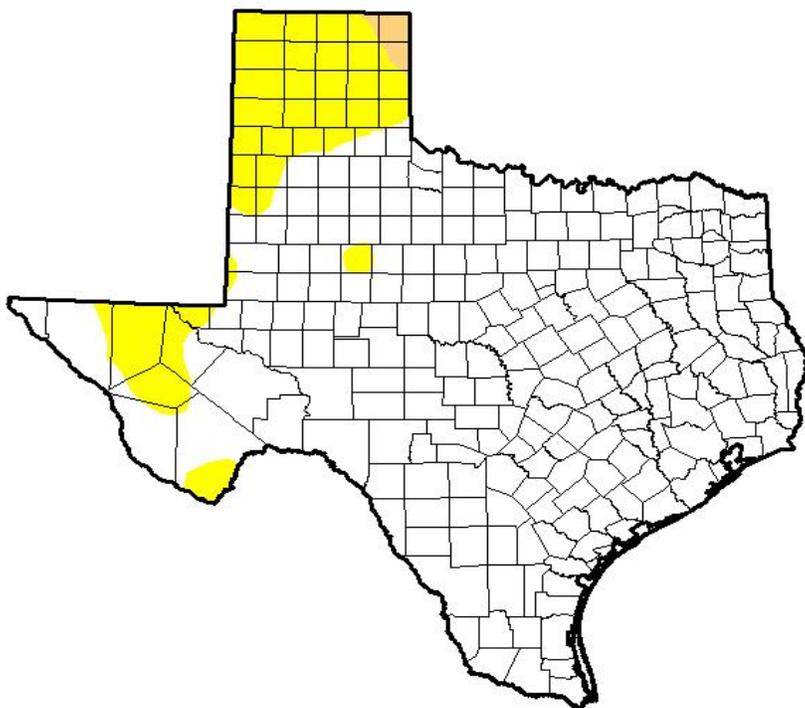


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 27, 2016



Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

Drought Monitor, Valid March 22, 2016



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	85.64	14.36	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>3/15/2016</i>	88.58	11.42	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12/22/2015</i>	96.07	3.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12/29/2015</i>	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago <i>3/24/2015</i>	49.50	50.50	36.35	24.92	13.67	3.31

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

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